

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A composition comprising (i) an effective amount of a bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator selected from Licouricie, Glycyrrhizic acid, Glycyrrhizin or mixtures thereof ~~an extract or compound obtained from the plant *Glycyrrhiza glabra*~~ and (ii) a therapeutically effective amount of one or more nutraceuticals, antibiotics, anti-infective agents and anti-cancer agents, wherein said effective amount of said bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator ~~extract or said compound~~ is insufficient for said bioenhancer or bioavailability facilitator ~~extract~~ by itself or said compound by itself to be a therapeutically effective nutraceutical, antibiotic, anti-infective agent or anti-cancer agent, and wherein said extract or said compound is effective as a bio-enhancer and bioavailability facilitator.
2. (Canceled) |
3. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein glycyrrhizin and glycyrrhizic acid are obtained from the plant *Glycyrrhiza glabra*.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the anti-infective agents are selected from anti-bacterial, anti-fungal and anti-tuberculosis agents.
6. (Currently amended) The composition of claim [[2]]1, wherein the concentration of glycyrrhizin ranges from 0.05 to 50% of the weight of the anti-bacterial compounds.
- 7-8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 5 wherein the anti-bacterial agents are selected from the group comprising  $\beta$ -lactams, macrolides, quinolones, fluoro-quinolones,

aminoglycides, glycopeptides, rifamycins, folate inhibitors, tetracyclines, anti-tuberculosis agents and microbicidal compounds.

10. (Previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 9 wherein the quinolones and fluoro-quinolones are selected from the group consisting of nalidixic acid, norfloxacin, ciprofloxacin and sparfloxacin.

11-26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously presented) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein one-gram of licorice preparation or dried root is equivalent to 40 mg of glycyrrhizin.

28-48. (Canceled)